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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-12 are in this application. Claims 1-5 have been canceled. Claims 6-12 have been added.

In the final Office action mailed July 28, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 1,650,289 (McGinley) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,190,596 (Timsit).

In response, Claims 2-5 have been canceled, without prejudice, and new Claims 6-12 have been added for consideration in a Request for Continued Examination.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 6-12 are patentable over McGinley and Timsit at least in that neither McGinley, nor Timsit, neither alone nor in combination, teaches or suggests a method of manufacture of a lamp comprising selecting an alloy and depositing a connection body as recited in Claims 6-11 or a method of assembly comprising controlling a temperature at which joining takes place as recited in Claim 12. McGinley teaches and suggests only a lamp with soldered connections.

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Timsit teaches and suggests only a brazing compound and method.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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